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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREA AT THE UN AND
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES

REF: A) SEOUL 1749 (NOTAL), B) STATE 52216 (NOTAL)

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1. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN REPORTING
ON ANY NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO INCREASE ITS
INTERNATIONAL STANDING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA (ROK).

2. AFTER HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DIVISIVE AND
CONTENTIOUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS,
ENGENDERING INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN AND OUT OF THE
UN SYSTEM, THE KOREAN ISSUE LARGELY DISAPPEARED FROM THE
MULTILATERAL AGENDA OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE US AND
ROK GOVERNMENTS WORKED HARD FOR THIS RESULT, BUT THE
DEPARTMENT ALSO ATTRIBUTES IT IN PART TO THE NORTH

KOREANS' OWN HEAVY-HANDED CAMPAIGN FOR EXCLUSIVE RECOGNITION
AT THE 1976 COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT, WHICH IN THE END CAUSED
MANY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO RESENT THE NORTH KOREAN

TACTICS AND TO TIRE OF THE ISSUE. WE SEE NO ENTHUSIASM
IN ANY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL GROUPING FOR A RESUMPTION
OF THE KOREA DEBATE AT THE UN.

3. NEVERTHELESS, THE NORTH KOREANS ARE NOT LIKELY TO
MISS THE CHANCE TO PRESS THEIR CASE AT THE KABUL AND
BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS THIS SUMMER, IF FOR NO
OTHER REASON THAN TO TEST THE WATERS AFTER THE TWO-YEAR
LULL. THEY MAY PERCEIVE THE SLACKENING INFLUENCE OF
THE MODERATE NAM "ELDER STATESMEN," YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA,
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SRI LANKA, AND CUBA'S ROLE AS INCOMING PRESIDENT OF
THE NAM, AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN INTERESTS.
A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE AT KABUL AND BELGRADE MIGHT
ENCOURAGE THE NORTH KOREANS TO THINK OF RETURNING THE
ISSUE TO THE UN.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INTERESTED IN REPORTS OF
NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE NAM
MEETINGS, E.G. VISITS, REPRESENTATIONS, HIGH-LEVEL
MESSAGES, ETC., ANY INDICATION THAT NORTH KOREA MAY
TRY TO ORGANIZE OTHER COUNTRIES TO LOBBY AT KABUL AND
BELGRADE, AND (WITHOUT APPROACHING THEM) THE VIEWS
OF THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE. POSTS MAY WISH TO CONSULT
WITH THEIR ROK AND OTHER FRIENDLY COLLEAGUES BUT ALL
SUCH EXCHANGES SHOULD REMAIN LOW-KEY AND AT THE WORKING
LEVEL. WE DO NOT WISH TO EXCITE UNDUE CONCERN ABOUT
NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH CLEAR EVIDENCE IS AS
YET LACKING.

5. FOR SEOUL: YOU MAY INFORM MOFA THAT THERE IS NO
INDICATION THE PRC IS INTERESTED IN A UNGA DEBATE ON
KOREA AND THAT NORTH KOREA'S INTENTIONS AT THE
NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS ARE UNCLEAR, ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT
THE NORTH TO SEEK ENDORSEMENT OF ITS CASE (REFTEL A).
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